

ALABAMA IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION COUNCIL

Minutes from 3/24/16 meeting

Members Present: Bill Lindsey (TSRP) Jason Harris (AOC)
 David Peacock (ABC Board) Pamela Morton (MADD)
 Dr. David Brown (CAPS) Deputy Chris Wallace (Lee Co. SO)
 Terry Anthony (Pardons & Paroles)
 Dr. Curt Harper & Dr. Greg Turner (ADFS)
 Lt. Chris Brown, Sgt. Chad Blankinchip, & Cpl. Penton (ALEA)
 William Filmore, John Hamm, & Michael Robinson (ALEA Legal)
 Lynne Wilman, Sam Merriweather, & Bill Babington (ADECA)

Meeting began with introductions of everyone present. There was a discussion of who should be the chair of the council, now that Brandon Hughes is no longer employed with any agency that has membership to the council. Bill Babington nominated Bill Lindsey to be the chair of the council and it was seconded by David Peacock. No other nominations were voiced and Mr. Lindsey was elected chair.

Mr. Lindsey led the opening discussion about bills currently pending in the Alabama Legislature. There was an extensive conversation about the DUI bill. After a summary of the bill, Dr. Turner voiced an inquiry about adding “at the time of the test” after the present language of (a)(1). The Traffic Safety Resource Council reviewed that language and had some concerns with that language, which was why it was left out of this year’s version. The TSRP will continue to review the law to see if we can add this language without causing any detriment to the prosecution of DUIs.

Cpl. Penton & Sgt. Blankinchip spoke to their programs growth and activities. (SFST, ARIDE, & DRE) Mr. Lindsey asked that the council take into consideration making a recommendation in the next strategic plan to encourage APOST to require ARIDE as a requirement for law enforcement. Cpl. Penton clarified that ARIDE does not need to be introduced at the academy because it is an advanced class. Currently, the state does not have a Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) state coordinator. It appears after DFS stopped coordinating the SFST training, no one was officially appointed to that position. Mr. Lindsey will reach out to APOST and try to setup a meeting on this issue.

We then discussed the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences. The council would like to review DUI/Drug days that are taking place in some areas of the state. Dr. Turner & Mr. Lindsey then discussed the current breath-testing instrument, Drager, and the new breath-testing

instrument, the Intoximeter. In the discussion of the new instrument, we also talked about the trouble that DFS is having in collection the Alabama Chemical Testing, Training and Equipment Trust Fund fee from municipalities. Finally, Dr. Harper discussed the potential correlation study on marijuana & alcohol and issues that have arisen with the Confrontation Clause and testimony of DFS workers. Mr. Lindsey volunteered to help DFS in the DUI fee and the Confrontation Clause issues.

The final discussion of the day was in regard to the role ABC can play on the front end of impaired driving prevention. Many people are aware of the enforcement aspects of ABC on private businesses, but not the rules and regulations of their own stores, including not selling alcohol after 9 p.m. After this discussion, the meeting concluded and it was agreed upon to meet on May 12, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the Alabama District Attorneys Association building in Montgomery.